



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Minoru WAKI

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For: **WATER-BASED PIGMENT DISPERSION, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME AND WATER-BASED INK CONTAINING THE SAME**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 6, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **August 6, 2002**, extended to December 6, 2002, by a one-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.